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RE: Certification of Aircraft and Airmen for the Operation of Light-Sport Aircraft" NPRM FAA-2001-11133 - 2177

To The Docket Management Personnel & my fellow government employees,
I hereby respectfully request:

The new sport plane category for aircraft, does not resolve any issues. It only increases the work load for the FAA and other government agencies, therefore increasing the tax burden on the tax paying public.

In short, we don't need regulation where we haven't needed any for 20 years. To analogize the controversy of regulating ultralight aircraft, is like requiring a youngster riding a mini bike in a vacant field or pasture to have a drivers license to ride and a mechanics license to repair it.

My only suggestion is to let them add more weight so that they can be safer, like brakes, stronger airframes and larger engines to safely fly in higher elevations.

Regulating ultralight aircraft is like regulating a row boat on the ocean. Like the ocean, there is alot of air in the sky and it belongs to all of us. The oceans and the clear blue sky are still free. As long as we're not hurting anybody else, let's keep it free and free from regulation. Please understand that we don't mix ultralight aircraft with any other aircraft. We can't and don't want to fly in their airspace.

This is simply unnecessary regulations where it is not needed. Let's put our time and resources into stopping terrorists getting on our passenger planes & flying into skyscrapers and killing thousands.

We are stifling American ingenuity, and the creativeness of the American entrepreiuner, inventor & "tinker". This is what makes Americans the

best in the world. Please don't stop us, our freedom depends on it.

As an ultralight instructor, the new sport pilot ruling is rendering my business useless. My two seat ultralight trainer needs to be grandfathered over, or I will be out of business. I have spent thousands of dollars and have followed the two seat ultralight rules and regulations for over 10 years successfully. Now you are saying that my 10 years of successfully following your rules no longer applies.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve A. Hammond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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